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Missouri Employment and Unemployment Conditions

Missouri unemployment increased sharply in January, as layoffs at automobile and other plants, bad winter weather, and deteriorating national economic conditions joined to produce the worst labor market conditions so far in the recession.

The state's unemployment rate increased a full percentage point from December to 7.0 percent, as the number of jobless Missourians grew by 24,100 to 184,200. This is the highest level and rate of unemployment since 1987, when conditions in the automobile industry contributed to a brief uptick in unemployment.

Total employment fell by 26,700 in January to 2,460,400. Because of the anomalous sharp drop in the unemployment estimate for January 1990, the current estimate of employment is actually about 60,000 higher than last year's. This is certainly not a realistic reflection of employment conditions in the state, illustrating the riskiness of comparing only two individual months of data.

A more realistic picture might be found in the nonagricultural payroll employment data. These show that the number of jobs in the state fell by some 71,000 between December and January, with most reported industries experiencing drops. The larger declines included motor vehicles and equipment manufacturing (9800 jobs), construction (9200 jobs), retail trade (21,400) and services (9800).

Compared to a year ago, payroll employment is down by 3800 jobs. Manufacturing employment decreased by 15,100 jobs, including 4000 in motor vehicles and equipment, 3200 in aircraft and parts, 1500 in electrical and electronic equipment, and smaller drops in most other industries. Construction employment was down by 3900 jobs.

Employment in the service-producing sector grew by 15,500 jobs over the year, but there was considerable variation among individual industry groups. Both wholesale and retail trade were down, the major exception being eating and drinking places which grew by 2600 jobs. The service industries continued to grow, with nearly half the 13,300 increase coming from health services. Slow growth occurred in the other service-producing sectors.

The factory workweek dropped to 39.5 hours in January as all industries for which estimates are made reported lower

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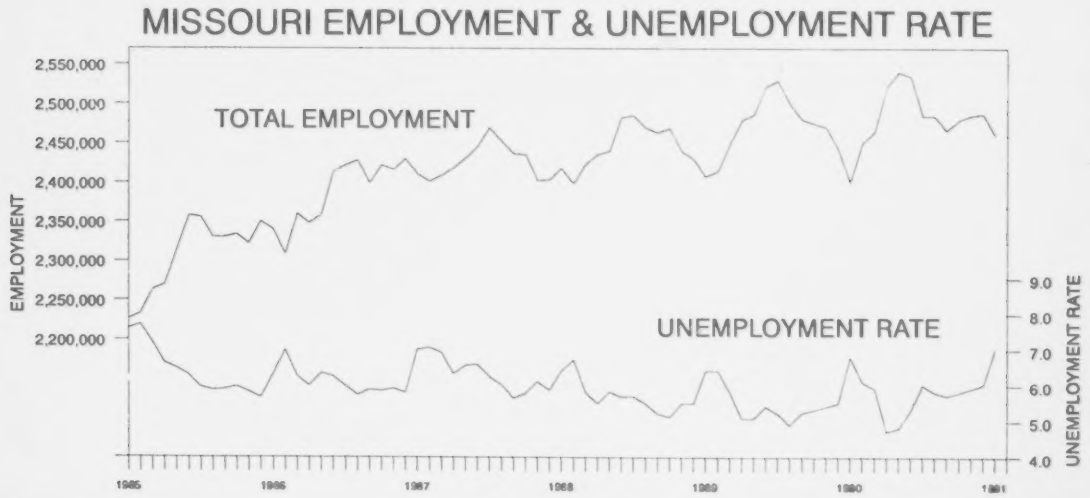

Table 1
Missouri Division of Employment Security
Civilian Labor Force, Employment, Unemployment and Unemployment Rates — Estimates

County/Labor Market Area	Current Month - Jan. 1991 (Preliminary)				Previous Month - Dec. 1990 (Revised)				One Year Ago - Jan. 1990* (Benchmark 1990)			
	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Statewide	2,644,618	2,460,421	184,197	7.0	2,647,217	2,487,093	160,124	6.0	2,574,122	2,400,330	173,792	6.8
St. Louis MSA	1,264,755	1,175,587	89,168	7.1	1,276,160	1,200,419	75,741	5.9	1,252,945	1,171,604	81,341	6.5
Kansas City MSA	853,385	800,118	53,267	6.2	855,830	814,042	41,788	4.9	836,401	786,073	50,328	6.0
Springfield MSA	131,610	124,623	6,987	5.3	132,391	126,120	6,271	4.7	126,744	120,439	6,305	5.0
Joplin MSA	72,089	68,270	3,819	5.3	71,178	67,777	3,401	4.8	70,961	67,068	3,893	5.5
Columbia MSA	69,690	67,585	2,105	3.0	69,121	67,248	1,873	2.7	66,359	64,161	2,198	3.3
St. Joseph MSA	43,650	40,625	3,025	6.9	43,293	40,615	2,678	6.2	42,066	39,327	2,739	6.5
Marion/Ralls LMA	18,208	16,943	1,265	6.9	18,206	17,010	1,196	6.6	17,477	16,307	1,170	6.7
Cole/Osage LMA	41,779	39,741	2,038	4.9	40,889	39,350	1,539	3.8	40,823	38,898	1,925	4.7
Adair/Schuyler LMA	14,537	13,929	608	4.2	14,540	13,979	561	3.9	13,309	12,687	622	4.7
COUNTIES:												
Andrew	7,058	6,504	554	7.8	7,040	6,642	398	5.7	6,856	6,317	539	7.9
Atchison	3,353	3,229	124	3.7	3,298	3,163	135	4.1	3,149	3,008	141	4.5
Audrain	10,666	9,869	797	7.5	10,561	9,873	688	6.5	10,154	9,446	708	7.0
Barry	14,102	13,159	943	6.7	13,746	13,078	668	4.9	13,042	12,334	708	5.4
Barton	5,549	5,311	238	4.3	5,461	5,211	250	4.6	5,208	5,025	183	3.5
Bates	6,145	5,540	605	9.8	6,081	5,567	514	8.5	5,819	5,230	589	10.1
Benton	5,581	4,972	609	10.9	5,413	4,958	455	8.4	5,389	4,756	633	11.7
Bollinger	4,324	3,759	565	13.1	4,371	3,936	435	10.0	4,017	3,582	435	10.8
Butler	17,825	16,370	1,455	8.2	17,740	16,477	1,263	7.1	16,693	15,168	1,525	9.1
Caldwell	3,357	2,990	367	10.9	3,261	3,034	227	7.0	3,158	2,831	327	10.4
Callaway	16,193	15,278	915	5.7	15,974	15,236	738	4.6	15,992	15,065	927	5.8
Camden	15,104	13,233	1,871	12.4	14,662	13,322	1,340	9.1	13,863	12,242	1,621	11.7
Cape Girardeau	37,395	35,690	1,705	4.6	36,967	35,436	1,531	4.1	35,879	34,234	1,645	4.6
Carroll	4,224	3,657	567	13.4	4,085	3,655	430	10.5	3,973	3,488	485	12.2
Carter	1,983	1,721	262	13.2	1,978	1,742	236	11.9	2,035	1,757	278	13.7
Cedar	4,835	4,484	351	7.3	4,632	4,385	247	5.3	4,697	4,301	396	8.4
Chariton	4,342	4,043	299	6.9	4,493	4,238	255	5.7	4,007	3,790	217	5.4
Clark	3,803	3,545	258	6.8	3,845	3,525	320	8.3	3,698	3,489	209	5.7
Clinton	7,818	7,057	761	9.7	7,607	7,161	446	5.9	7,503	6,761	742	9.9
Cooper	6,443	5,988	455	7.1	6,409	6,055	354	5.5	6,240	5,729	511	8.2
Crawford	10,291	9,171	1,120	10.9	10,597	9,160	1,437	13.6	9,781	8,872	909	9.3
Dade	2,948	2,753	195	6.6	2,909	2,757	152	5.2	2,711	2,556	155	5.7
Dallas	4,412	3,844	568	12.9	4,403	3,931	472	10.7	3,975	3,492	483	12.2
Daviess	3,952	3,612	340	8.6	4,142	3,862	280	6.8	3,661	3,376	285	7.8
DeKalb	4,148	3,832	316	7.6	4,022	3,811	211	5.2	3,990	3,729	261	6.5
Dent	6,510	5,990	520	8.0	6,364	5,943	421	6.6	6,235	5,732	503	8.1
Douglas	4,848	4,354	494	10.2	4,907	4,421	486	9.9	4,566	4,171	395	8.7
Dunklin	13,780	12,483	1,297	9.4	14,091	12,515	1,576	11.2	13,318	12,092	1,226	9.2
Gasconade	7,512	6,937	575	7.7	7,770	6,871	899	11.6	7,253	6,559	694	9.6
Gentry	2,649	2,497	152	5.7	2,682	2,531	151	5.6	2,539	2,396	143	5.6
Grundy	4,870	4,578	292	6.0	4,828	4,597	231	4.8	4,824	4,483	341	7.1
Harrison	4,380	4,135	245	5.6	4,426	4,229	197	4.5	4,144	3,876	268	6.5
Henry	8,440	7,684	756	9.0	8,307	7,748	559	6.7	8,323	7,436	887	10.7
Hickory	2,854	2,585	269	9.4	2,955	2,755	200	6.8	2,601	2,373	228	8.8
Holt	2,214	2,019	195	8.8	2,297	2,137	160	7.0	2,121	1,897	224	10.6
Howard	4,527	4,325	202	4.5	4,477	4,315	162	3.6	4,388	4,141	247	5.6
Howell	14,420	13,354	1,066	7.4	14,318	13,414	904	6.3	13,832	12,733	1,099	7.9
Iron	3,013	2,522	491	16.3	2,987	2,459	528	17.7	2,766	2,382	384	13.9
Johnson	20,710	19,681	1,029	5.0	20,685	19,904	781	3.8	20,790	19,710	1,080	5.2
Knox	1,904	1,745	159	8.4	1,963	1,836	127	6.5	1,724	1,571	153	8.9
Laclede	14,139	12,080	2,059	14.6	13,618	12,150	1,468	10.8	13,390	12,072	1,318	9.8

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Lawrence	12,816	11,760	1,056	8.2	12,465	11,751	714	5.7	12,909	11,890	1,019	7.9
Lewis	4,869	4,536	333	6.8	4,930	4,660	270	5.5	4,553	4,240	313	6.9
Lincoln	13,572	11,897	1,675	12.3	12,962	11,873	1,089	8.4	12,983	11,741	1,242	9.6
Linn	6,534	5,932	602	9.2	6,594	5,974	620	9.4	6,332	5,720	612	9.7
Livingston	6,617	6,243	374	5.7	6,621	6,295	326	4.9	6,421	6,007	414	6.4
McDonald	9,292	8,831	461	5.0	9,026	8,636	390	4.3	9,103	8,674	429	4.7
Macon	8,129	7,487	642	7.9	7,834	7,438	396	5.1	8,326	7,517	809	9.7
Madison	5,066	4,503	563	11.1	5,068	4,492	576	11.4	4,650	4,205	445	9.6
Maries	4,057	3,720	337	8.3	4,121	3,650	471	11.4	3,852	3,508	344	8.9
Mercer	1,453	1,325	128	8.8	1,463	1,360	103	7.0	1,320	1,202	118	8.9
Miller	10,031	8,223	1,808	18.0	9,945	8,524	1,421	14.3	9,017	7,610	1,407	15.6
Mississippi	6,729	6,096	633	9.4	6,992	6,007	985	14.1	6,588	5,936	652	9.9
Moniteau	7,312	6,539	773	10.6	6,832	6,380	452	6.6	6,982	6,226	756	10.8
Monroe	4,945	4,625	320	6.5	4,928	4,633	295	6.0	4,729	4,440	289	6.1
Montgomery	5,301	4,792	509	9.6	5,178	4,788	390	7.5	4,871	4,419	452	9.3
Morgan	7,555	6,748	807	10.7	7,306	6,651	655	9.0	7,133	6,359	774	10.9
New Madrid	9,741	8,719	1,022	10.5	9,765	8,710	1,055	10.8	9,626	8,684	942	9.8
Nodaway	11,594	11,133	461	4.0	11,589	11,236	353	3.0	10,695	10,333	362	3.4
Oregon	3,675	3,390	285	7.8	3,586	3,355	231	6.4	3,362	3,087	275	8.2
Ozark	3,431	3,108	323	9.4	3,449	3,126	323	9.4	3,305	2,987	318	9.6
Pemiscot	9,114	8,279	835	9.2	9,560	8,263	1,297	13.6	8,527	7,746	781	9.2
Perry	10,230	9,535	695	6.8	9,900	9,409	491	5.0	9,268	8,717	551	5.9
Pettis	18,625	17,185	1,440	7.7	18,160	17,050	1,110	6.1	18,256	16,641	1,615	8.8
Phelps	17,035	15,932	1,103	6.5	16,864	15,926	938	5.6	16,456	15,562	894	5.4
Pike	7,525	6,869	656	8.7	7,487	6,861	626	8.4	7,168	6,422	746	10.4
Polk	11,762	11,167	595	5.1	11,561	11,070	491	4.2	11,136	10,606	530	4.8
Pulaski	13,000	12,011	989	7.6	12,913	11,812	1,101	8.5	12,844	11,936	908	7.1
Putnam	2,286	2,169	117	5.1	2,373	2,235	138	5.8	2,090	1,973	117	5.6
Randolph	11,279	10,472	807	7.2	11,055	10,451	604	5.5	10,988	10,246	742	6.8
Reynolds	2,275	2,040	235	10.3	2,423	2,193	230	9.5	2,136	1,926	210	9.8
Ripley	4,737	4,297	440	9.3	4,594	4,293	301	6.6	4,339	3,969	370	8.5
St. Clair	3,942	3,659	283	7.2	4,044	3,768	276	6.8	3,577	3,212	365	10.2
Ste. Genevieve	6,814	6,130	684	10.0	6,513	6,038	475	7.3	6,327	5,807	520	8.2
St. Francois	22,489	20,030	2,459	10.9	21,737	19,785	1,952	9.0	21,361	19,320	2,041	9.6
Saline	11,174	10,273	901	8.1	10,969	10,196	773	7.0	10,677	9,882	795	7.4
Scotland	2,149	1,992	157	7.3	2,089	1,999	90	4.3	1,961	1,825	136	6.9
Scott	19,143	17,582	1,561	8.2	19,079	17,566	1,513	7.9	18,135	16,683	1,452	8.0
Shannon	3,397	2,960	437	12.9	3,487	3,111	376	10.8	3,239	2,843	396	12.2
Shelby	3,426	3,224	202	5.9	3,421	3,252	169	4.9	3,289	3,113	176	5.4
Stoddard	13,812	12,523	1,289	9.3	14,112	12,635	1,477	10.5	13,230	11,976	1,254	9.5
Stone	8,658	6,884	1,774	20.5	8,156	7,087	1,069	13.1	7,543	5,820	1,723	22.8
Sullivan	3,632	3,483	149	4.1	3,739	3,626	113	3.0	3,305	3,155	150	4.5
Taney	17,343	14,321	3,022	17.4	16,278	14,352	1,926	11.8	14,746	11,969	2,777	18.8
Texas	9,321	8,386	935	10.0	9,769	8,332	1,437	14.7	8,947	7,992	955	10.7
Vernon	8,991	8,547	444	4.9	8,868	8,438	430	4.8	8,772	8,221	551	6.3
Warren	9,435	8,346	1,089	11.5	9,097	8,338	759	8.3	9,746	8,889	857	8.8
Washington	7,677	6,168	1,509	19.7	7,372	6,182	1,190	16.1	6,972	5,720	1,252	18.0
Wayne	5,490	4,889	601	10.9	6,248	5,106	1,142	18.3	5,067	4,566	501	9.9
Webster	10,947	9,896	1,051	9.6	11,002	10,073	929	8.4	10,257	9,222	1,035	10.1
Worth	1,293	1,187	106	8.2	1,395	1,292	103	7.4	1,140	1,060	80	7.0
Wright	7,602	6,831	771	10.1	8,237	6,861	1,376	16.7	7,007	6,464	543	7.7

** 1990 Data are provisional estimates.*

Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Missouri (Statewide) **January, 1991**

Item	Number of Jobs			Change to Current Mo. from:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	2,283,300	2,354,300	2,287,100	-71,000	-3,800
GOODS PRODUCING	511,500	535,300	530,800	-23,800	-19,300
MINING	4,600	5,300	4,900	-700	-300
CONSTRUCTION	87,600	96,800	91,500	-9,200	-3,900
General Building Contractors	23,700	25,700	25,300	-2,000	-1,600
Heavy Construction	8,200	10,400	8,900	-2,200	-700
Special Trade Contractors	55,700	60,700	57,300	-5,000	-1,600
MANUFACTURING	419,300	433,200	434,400	-13,900	-15,100
DURABLE GOODS	233,000	245,500	245,100	-12,500	-12,100
Lumber & Wood Products	11,100	11,500	12,000	-400	-900
Furniture & Fixtures	11,100	11,100	11,800	0	-700
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods	10,100	10,900	10,800	-800	-700
Primary Metal Industries	12,300	12,300	12,400	0	-100
Fabricated Metal Products	37,100	37,600	37,700	-500	-600
Industrial Machinery & Equip	32,200	32,200	33,000	0	-800
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	34,800	35,300	36,300	-500	-1,500
Transportation Equipment	63,300	73,800	70,800	-10,500	-7,500
Motor vehicles & equipment	19,500	29,300	23,500	-9,800	-4,000
Aircraft & parts	35,100	35,200	38,300	-100	-3,200
Instruments & Related Prods	13,100	13,000	12,900	100	200
NONDURABLE GOODS	186,300	187,700	189,300	-1,400	-3,000
Food & Kindred Products	46,200	46,300	47,000	-100	-800
Beverages	8,900	9,100	9,100	-200	-200
Textile Mill Prods & Apparel	21,000	21,200	22,500	-200	-1,500
Paper & Allied Products	13,700	13,700	13,600	0	100
Printing & Publishing	44,000	44,200	44,200	-200	-200
Chemicals & Allied Products	30,000	30,500	29,800	-500	200
Leather & Leather Products	14,200	14,200	15,100	0	-900
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,771,800	1,819,000	1,756,300	-47,200	15,500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	153,200	155,400	151,300	-2,200	1,900
Railroad Transportation	8,900	9,200	9,100	-300	-200
Trucking & Warehousing	47,100	48,300	47,000	-1,200	100
Transportation by Air	20,100	20,000	19,900	100	200
Communications	36,000	36,400	35,900	-400	100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Svc	20,900	21,000	20,900	-100	0
TRADE	545,100	570,100	549,500	-25,000	-4,400
WHOLESALE TRADE	137,600	141,200	139,100	-3,600	-1,500
Wholesale Trade -Durable Gds	79,200	81,800	80,900	-2,600	-1,700
Motor vehicles,parts,suppls	12,400	12,400	12,500	0	-100
Lumber & construction matls	4,400	4,500	4,500	-100	-100
Professional & commrcl eqp	15,000	15,000	16,100	0	-1,100
Electrical goods	9,500	9,600	9,400	-100	100
Hardware,plmbng,heatng eqp	5,700	5,800	5,800	-100	-100
Machinery,equipmnt & suppls	18,400	18,700	18,400	-300	0
Wholesale Trade - Nondur gds	58,400	59,400	58,200	-1,000	200
Groceries & related	16,400	16,600	16,500	-200	-100
Petroleum & petroleum prds	5,700	5,700	5,600	0	100
Beer, wine & distilled bevs	2,800	3,000	2,800	-200	0
RETAIL TRADE	407,500	428,900	410,400	-21,400	-2,900
Building mtls & grdn suppls	17,100	17,700	17,500	-600	-400
General merchandise stores	58,000	63,000	60,500	-5,000	-2,500
Food stores	58,400	59,800	57,800	-1,400	600
Automotive dealers/svc stas	50,200	50,900	51,200	-700	-1,000
Apparel & accessory stores	22,900	25,400	24,000	-2,500	-1,100
Furniture, homefurn. stores	13,500	14,200	14,100	-700	-600
Eating & drinking places	143,800	150,600	141,200	-6,800	2,600
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	137,800	138,700	136,600	-900	1,200
Depository Institutions	45,600	45,700	46,100	-100	-500
Nondepository Institutions	9,800	9,800	9,400	0	400
Security & Commodity Brokers	11,500	11,500	11,000	0	500
Insurance Carriers	30,400	30,400	29,800	0	600
Insurance Agents, Brokers	13,600	13,800	13,600	-200	0
Real Estate	21,800	22,300	21,700	-500	100
Holding & Other Invstmt offcs	5,100	5,200	5,000	-100	100

Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment (Continued)

Missouri (Statewide) January, 1991

Item	Number of Jobs			Change to Current Mo. from:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
SERVICES	568,000	577,800	554,700	-9,800	13,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25,300	27,400	26,500	-2,100	-1,200
Personal Services	26,500	26,500	26,800	0	-300
Business Svcs	92,300	94,500	91,300	-2,200	1,000
Auto Repair, Svcs, Parking	19,600	19,700	19,700	-100	-100
Amuse & Rec Svcs inc. Mot Pic	23,300	25,000	24,200	-1,700	-900
Health Services	193,600	193,800	187,700	-200	5,900
Hospitals (private)	97,100	97,200	93,500	-100	3,600
Legal Services	15,100	15,000	14,500	100	600
Educational Services (priv)	37,700	40,200	36,600	-2,500	1,100
Social Services	32,900	33,000	31,000	-100	1,900
Membership Organizations	46,900	47,400	44,800	-500	2,100
Engineering & Management Svcs	37,400	37,200	35,800	200	1,600
Agricultural Services	8,500	9,200	7,700	-700	800
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	367,700	377,000	364,200	-9,300	3,500
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	72,000	72,400	71,300	-400	700
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	90,500	92,100	88,700	-1,600	1,800
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	205,200	212,500	204,200	-7,300	1,000

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average weekly hours of production workers. The figure is the lowest in six years; last year, the workweek averaged 40.7 hours. The drop in hours also resulted in lower earnings. The hourly average dropped 27 cents from December to $10.60, while the weekly figure plunged $30.23 to $418.70. This was 2.7 percent lower than in January 1990, when the workweek averaged 40.6 hours and average hourly earnings were the same as this January.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

National unemployment continued its upward trend in January, while employment dropped again. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged up to 6.2 percent, nearly a percentage point above the rate which prevailed from late 1988 through mid-1990. Total civilian employment plunged by 650,000 in January, on a seasonally adjusted basis, following a small increase in December. The current level is about a million below that of a year earlier.

Nonfarm payrolls dipped by 230,000 jobs in January, following a decline of 150,000 in December. Employment has dropped by more than a million since last June, with manufacturing employment having lost 900,000 jobs over the past two years. Construction has also suffered substantial job losses. The January decrease was 155,000, even on a seasonally adjusted basis, as unusually bad weather gripped much of the country. Automobile and construction-related manufacturing have experienced job substantial job losses.

Outlook

The government's index of leading economic indicators fell again in January, but the decreases in December and January were the smallest since last July. Some economists now believe that the worst of the recession may be past.

Missouri unemployment normally edges up a bit further in February before beginning spring decreases. Unemployment is expected to remain near the January level this year. Weather improved a bit in February from January, which may help a bit. Some of the automobile plants which were closed in January were back in production in February, but additional aircraft workers will begin to show up in the unemployment data. Employment usually moderates some in February but is still expected to be weak this year.

Table 3. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Missouri (Statewide) **January, 1991**

Industry	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
MANUFACTURING	39.5	41.3	40.6	$10.60	$10.87	$10.60	$418.70	$448.93	$430.36
DURABLE GOODS	39.7	41.7	41.5	11.31	11.76	11.57	449.01	490.39	480.16
Lumber & Wood Products	36.8	38.4	39.0	7.25	7.25	6.89	266.80	278.40	268.71
Furniture & Fixtures	39.6	43.2	39.5	8.67	8.89	8.38	343.33	384.05	331.01
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods	41.0	42.3	41.4	11.31	11.37	11.47	463.71	480.95	474.86
Primary Metal Industries	41.0	44.1	42.3	11.65	11.80	11.27	477.65	520.38	476.72
Fabricated Metal Products	39.7	41.7	41.1	11.69	11.63	11.71	464.09	484.97	481.28
Industrial Machinery & Equip	40.7	42.0	41.9	10.91	10.96	10.53	444.04	460.32	441.21
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	40.5	41.0	41.7	8.84	8.78	10.36	358.02	359.98	432.01
Transportation Equipment	39.6	42.3	42.9	15.82	16.34	15.61	626.47	691.18	669.67
Motor vehicles & equipment	40.6	42.2	41.9	15.98	16.71	15.58	648.79	705.16	652.80
Instruments & Related Prods	39.2	42.0	40.3	9.87	10.18	9.25	386.90	427.56	372.77
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.2	40.8	39.6	9.71	9.67	9.32	380.63	394.54	369.07
Food & Kindred Products	40.3	42.2	41.1	10.10	10.08	9.77	407.03	425.38	401.55
Beverages	40.3	41.5	40.1	18.87	18.75	19.33	760.46	778.13	775.13
Textile Mill Prods & Apparel	33.0	35.1	34.2	6.13	6.18	6.09	202.29	216.92	208.28
Paper & Allied Products	43.8	44.8	43.4	10.18	10.14	9.94	445.88	454.27	431.40
Chemicals & Allied Products	44.8	46.2	42.8	13.15	12.84	12.77	589.12	593.21	546.56
Leather & Leather Products	34.1	34.8	36.2	6.37	6.36	6.23	217.22	221.33	225.53

Table 4. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Labor Market Developments

Missouri (Statewide) **January, 1991**

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1 Yr. Ago (Revised)	Change to Current Mo. from:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	2644600	2647200	2574100	-2600	70500
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	2460400	2487100	2400300	-26700	60100
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT	184200	160100	173800	24100	10400
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (PER CENT OF CLF)	7.0	6.0	6.8	1.0	0.2
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT (EXC. DOMESTICS)	2283300	2354300	2287100	-71000	-3800
MANUFACTURING	419300	433200	43400	-13900	375900
DURABLE GOODS	233000	245500	245100	-12500	-12100
NONDURABLE GOODS	186300	187700	189300	-1400	-3000
NONMANUFACTURING	2097000	1921100	1852700	175900	244300
STATE INITIAL CLAIMS (WEEKLY AVG.)	19691	15414	14080	4277	5611
STATE INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT (WEEKLY AVG.)	93611	56315	67636	37296	25975
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.6	2.9	2.8	1.7	1.8
EXHAUSTIONS (STATE U.I.)	5500	4313	3999	1187	1501
AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID (DOLLARS)	48307665	29678041	31959611	18629624	16348054
STATE U.I.	47714413	29197213	31487922	18517200	16226491
UCFE	353951	297109	281190	56842	72761
UCX	239301	183719	190499	55582	48802

Kansas City Labor Market Review

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The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami and Wyandotte counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

The Kansas City Metropolitan Area's unemployment rate rose sharply in January 1991 to 6.2 per cent of the labor force, an increase of 1.2 percentage points above the December rate of 4.9 per cent and two tenths of a percent above the January 1990 rate. The number of jobless workers in the area increased by 11,500 to a record 53,300, the highest number of jobless since June 1987, when the unemployment rate reached 6.5 per cent and the jobless total was 56,000. Although a large increase in unemployment is expected in January, the current rate is a record high for January. The previous January record was set in January 1984 at 7.0 per cent. Unusually adverse weather conditions, widespread job losses across the Area's industries and substantial seasonal declines, particularly from holiday related hiring, contributed to the Area's rate rising above the six per cent level for the first time in more than 3 years.

The Area's total civilian labor force declined by 2,400 in January 1991 to 853,400, after adding 8,500 workers from September to December 1990. Over the past year the labor force has grown by 17,000. Both civilian employment and non-farm payroll employment decreased over-the-month. Civilian employment fell by 13,900 down to 800,100, the lowest since February 1990. After reaching a peak of 793,100 in December 1990, non-farm payroll jobs also dropped by 23,400 to 769,700, also the lowest since February 1990. Nearly half of the losses over the month were in the Goods Producing sector. Temporary shutdowns in the automobile manufacturing industry contributed to 5,700 fewer workers and a record low of 3,200 jobs in that industry. Scattered losses across most Manufacturing industries resulted in total Manufacturing jobs falling to a low of 103,900. Since peaking in July 1990 at 111,400, the industry has lost 7,500 jobs and since January 1990, has lost 3,200 jobs.

Unusually severe weather conditions resulted in Construction employment falling over the month by 4,700 to a 12-month low of 28,200 jobs. Since reaching a high of 34,300 in July 1990 the industry has lost more than 6,000 jobs and is down by 1,600 from the January 1990 total. Overall the Goods Producing sector has lost 13,000 jobs since peaking in July 1990, more than 80 per cent or 11,100 over the month and 4,800 since January 1990.

The Service Producing sector which normally experiences large decreases at this time of the year, recorded 12,300 fewer jobs over the month for a total of 637,600 jobs. Retail Trade recorded the largest loss with 5,500 fewer jobs over the month, primarily from losses in General Merchandise Stores and Eating and Drinking Establishments. Wholesale Trade also lost 1,500 jobs over the month and 1,000 over the year. Combined the Wholesale and Retail Trade sector, which peaked in December 1990 at 204,200, fell to its lowest since February 1990 and fell short of the January 1990 total by 1,700 jobs.

Elsewhere within the Service Producing sector, seasonal factors accounted for the Services industry recording losses for the third straight month, although gains in Health and Business Services kept the total above the January 1990 level by 7,100 jobs. Government, Transportation, Communications and Utilities and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate all recorded fewer jobs over the month but higher levels compared to a year ago.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

Continued weakness in the Area's industries and economic uncertainty, coupled with normal seasonal losses in February 1991 are expected to hold the Area's employment totals down in February 1991. Little improvement is expected in the Area's unemployment situation.

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Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

(Benchmark — March 1990)

Kansas City MSA **January, 1991**

Item	Number of Jobs			Change to Current Mo. from:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	769,700	793,100	763,800	-23,400	5,900
GOODS PRODUCING	132,100	143,200	136,900	-11,100	-4,800
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	28,200	32,900	29,800	-4,700	-1,600
General Building Contractors	6,100	6,400	6,200	-300	-100
Special Trade Contractors	18,300	21,700	19,900	-3,400	-1,600
MANUFACTURING	103,900	110,300	107,100	-6,400	-3,200
DURABLE GOODS	48,100	54,400	51,700	-6,300	-3,600
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	3,700	3,800	3,800	-100	-100
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods	3,400	3,600	3,400	-200	0
Fabricated Metal Products	14,900	15,100	15,100	-200	-200
Industrial Machinery & Equip	7,500	7,600	7,600	-100	-100
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	8,600	8,700	8,900	-100	-300
Transportation Equipment	3,200	8,900	6,500	-5,700	-3,300
NONDURABLE GOODS	55,800	55,900	55,400	-100	400
Food & Kindred Products	8,100	8,100	7,900	0	200
Paper & Allied Products	6,300	6,400	6,200	-100	100
Printing & Publishing	22,100	22,100	21,900	0	200
Chemicals & Allied Products	10,400	10,400	10,600	0	-200
SERVICE PRODUCING	637,600	649,900	626,900	-12,300	10,700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	62,900	63,800	62,100	-900	800
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILS	23,800	24,000	22,900	-200	900
Railroad Transportation	4,300	4,400	4,500	-100	-200
Trucking & Warehousing	18,900	19,400	18,700	-500	200
Transportation by Air	8,200	8,200	8,400	0	-200
TRADE	197,200	204,200	198,900	-7,000	-1,700
WHOLESALE TRADE	58,400	59,900	59,400	-1,500	-1,000
Wholesale Trade -Durable Gds	35,800	37,000	36,900	-1,200	-1,100
Wholesale Trade - Nondur gds	22,600	22,900	22,500	-300	100
RETAIL TRADE	138,800	144,300	139,500	-5,500	-700
Building mtls & grdn suppls	5,700	5,800	5,600	-100	100
General merchandise stores	20,100	22,100	21,400	-2,000	-1,300
Food stores	19,400	19,700	18,700	-300	700
Automotive dealers/svc stas	15,400	15,400	15,500	0	-100
Apparel & accessory stores	7,300	7,700	7,800	-400	-500
Furniture, homefurn. stores	5,400	5,600	5,600	-200	-200
Eating & drinking places	47,000	48,400	46,800	-1,400	200
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	59,200	59,500	58,800	-300	400
Depository Institutions	15,300	15,500	15,800	-200	-500
SERVICES	196,500	198,600	189,400	-2,100	7,100
Personal Services	10,700	10,200	10,300	500	400
Business Svcs	40,800	41,300	39,200	-500	1,600
Automotive & misc repr svcs	9,500	9,500	9,300	0	200
Amuse & Rec Svcs inc. Mot Pic	9,000	10,000	8,600	-1,000	400
Health Services	57,700	57,600	56,300	100	1,400
Legal Services	7,000	7,000	6,800	0	200
Educational Services (priv)	7,100	7,500	7,000	-400	100
Social Services	9,300	9,200	8,800	100	500
Membership Organizations	13,100	13,200	12,400	-100	700
Engineering & Management Svcs	19,600	19,500	18,600	100	1,000
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	121,800	123,800	117,700	-2,000	4,100
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	33,700	33,400	31,700	300	2,000
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	17,700	17,900	17,500	-200	200
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	70,400	72,500	68,500	-2,100	1,900

Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Kansas City MSA **January, 1991**

Industry	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
MANUFACTURING	40.8	42.1	41.0	$11.09	$11.60	$11.27	$452.47	$488.36	$462.07
DURABLE GOODS	37.9	40.8	39.3	11.53	12.21	11.81	436.99	498.17	464.13
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	41.1	43.8	43.2	8.94	8.89	8.55	367.43	389.38	369.36
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods	29.6	37.3	36.5	12.44	12.88	11.78	368.22	480.42	429.97
Fabricated Metal Products	36.8	40.0	40.2	11.88	11.83	11.46	437.18	473.20	460.69
Industrial Machinery & Equip	39.3	40.9	38.0	11.82	11.72	11.04	464.53	479.35	419.52
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	39.6	41.1	42.1	12.88	13.21	13.67	510.05	542.93	575.51
Transportation Equipment	38.1	39.7	37.3	15.05	15.29	15.23	573.41	607.01	568.08
NONDURABLE GOODS	43.4	43.5	42.7	10.76	10.99	10.76	466.98	478.06	459.45
Food & Kindred Products	49.0	44.8	40.8	10.31	10.47	10.49	505.19	469.06	427.99
Paper & Allied Products	50.8	45.4	46.1	10.10	10.40	9.84	513.08	472.16	453.62
Chemicals & Allied Products	33.7	42.6	42.5	15.26	14.93	15.09	514.26	636.02	641.33

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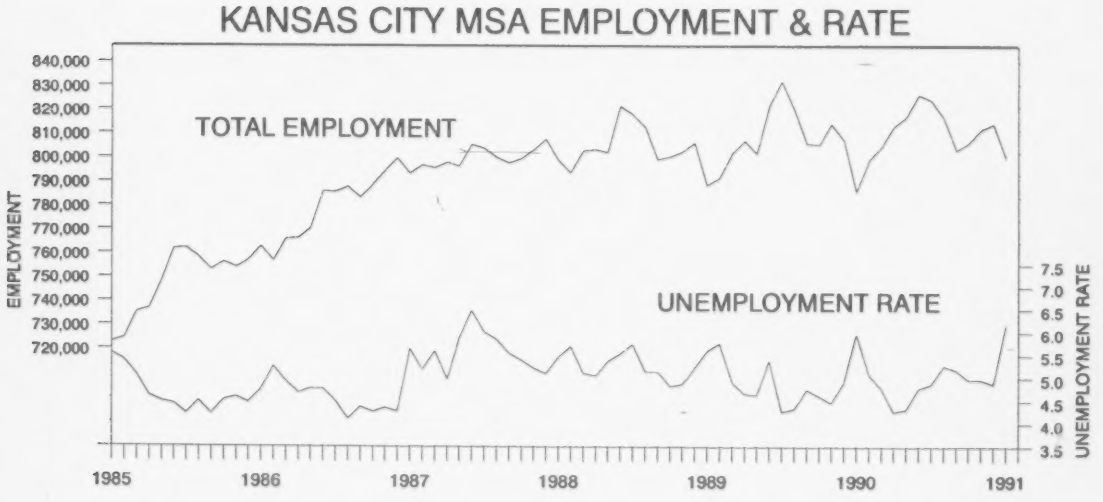

St. Louis Labor Market Review

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate rose from 5.9% in December 1990 to 7.1% in January 1991. The number of unemployed increased 13,400 and total employment declined 24,800. Weather conditions during the middle of January included extreme cold and thick ice. This slowed most outdoor activity, especially construction. Several major layoffs also caused the January unemployment rate increase. Two hotels closed, a major savings & loan was seized by the federal government and three auto assembly plants were affected by temporary inventory reduction cutbacks. Retailers laid off over 10,000 temporary workers after a disappointing holiday buying season and slow home sales continued to affect construction, real estate and furniture manufacturing. Only one St. Louis Area industry, air transportation, reported an over the month employment gain. All other industries registered declining or level job totals. Over the year, unemployment rose 7,900 and total employment increased 4,000. The unemployment rate in January 1990 was 6.5%. Aircraft losses have now reached 3,100. Further declines are expected to be reported in February. Construction and mining has decreased 9,100 during the past 12 months, a loss of almost 17%. Even trade is now reporting declining job totals. This industry has lost 1,000 workers over the year. Services continued to report significant gains, up 12,400 since January 1990. There were 100 labor disputants in January 1991 and December 1990 and less than 50 were counted in January 1990.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing declined 8,200 over the month. Two auto assembly plants shut down for inventory reduction in January, coupled with one plant temporarily operating at 50% capacity, caused a 6,600 drop in motor vehicles. At least 1,800 of these workers will again be affected by temporary layoffs in February. Aircraft and parts employment, down 100, does not yet reflect the early 1991 cancellation of a major defense weapon system development contract. This industry is expected to report a decline of over 4,000 jobs in the next month. The printing industry continued to contract, down 300 over the month. Since January 1990, manufacturing declined 7,200. Losses continued to be concentrated in transportation equipment, industrial machinery and printing. Instruments, food and chemicals reported job gains of 400 each.

Non-Manufacturing

Non-manufacturing declined 27,900 over the month. Seasonal losses occurred in all major non-manufacturing industries. Weather related layoffs occurred in construction and transportation. Seasonally low sales, coupled with the recession, caused decreases in trade, real estate and services. Semester breaks affected local government and private educational services. Over the year, non-manufacturing rose 5,500. Gains continued to be reported in transportation, insurance carriers, business services, health care, private education and local government. Social services, membership organizations and engineering consultants are also still reporting increases. The recession is having a major impact on trade employment. This industry, which reported rapid growth for several years, is now registering gains in only three of its sectors. Food stores added 600 jobs, eating places rose 300 and building material stores were up 100.

Unemployment Rate Outlook

Transportation is expected to again be the sector of the local economy that has a major influence over the St. Louis Area labor market. Temporary layoffs will continue to affect automobile assembly. Indefinite layoffs will cut into aircraft manufacturing and airline transportation employment. The unemployment rate in February is expected to be 7.4%.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

The industry distribution of Missouri resident unemployment insurance claimants is:

Industry	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. 91
Mining	20	22	22	22	17	67
Construction	1837	2148	2745	2961	4043	9851
Manufacturing	6977	4567	5230	7505	7085	9700
Tran., Com. & Pub. Utl.	1534	793	783	815	908	1460
Wholesale & Retail	2525	2283	2491	2550	2916	3668
Finance	627	654	691	700	708	784
Services	5508	5150	5467	5589	6509	7823
All Other	390	363	432	483	522	751
TOTAL	19418	15980	17861	20625	22708	34104

The occupational distribution of Missouri resident unemployment insurance claimants is:

Occupation	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. 91
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	956	710	618	537	553	591
Clerical	1259	1031	1003	850	912	1048
Sales	249	166	155	203	197	211
Farm, Fish & Forest	42	38	32	51	80	127
Processing	86	66	64	74	79	117
Machine Trades	546	473	463	432	525	690
Bench Work	562	494	485	455	492	596
Structural Work	1371	1318	1299	1489	1550	1883
Misc. Work	910	679	669	671	819	1175
Services	716	576	566	600	613	835
INA	12721	10429	12507	15263	16888	26831
TOTAL	19418	15980	17861	20625	22708	34104

Available Job Opportunities

The occupational percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1991 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Prof., Tech. & Mang.	5.8	1.8
Clerical	22.8	21.2
Sales	16.9	20.8
Processing	2.1	2.9
Machine Trades	4.5	4.7
Bench Work	6.9	8.8
Structural Work	6.0	3.2
Motor Freight & Transportation	4.4	4.3
Packaging & Material Handling	12.2	16.8
Domestic	0.5	0.3
Other Services	16.5	13.9
Other Occupations	1.4	1.3
TOTAL	100.0	100.0

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

St. Louis MSA **January, 1991**

Item	Number of Jobs			Change to Current Mo. from:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	1,159,700	1,195,800	1,161,400	-36,100	-1,700
GOODS PRODUCING	259,500	276,000	275,800	-16,500	-16,300
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	45,800	54,100	54,900	-8,300	-9,100
General Building Contractors	11,800	13,700	14,500	-1,900	-2,700
Special Trade Contractors	27,900	32,900	33,300	-5,000	-5,400
MANUFACTURING	213,700	221,900	220,900	-8,200	-7,200
DURABLE GOODS	132,400	139,800	139,300	-7,400	-6,900
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	4,900	5,000	5,400	-100	-500
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods	2,800	3,200	3,300	-400	-500
Primary Metal Industries	14,300	14,300	14,100	0	200
Fabricated Metal Products	17,500	17,500	17,900	0	-400
Industrial Machinery & Equip	18,700	18,800	19,400	-100	-700
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	11,100	11,100	11,100	0	0
Transportation Equipment	49,700	56,500	55,200	-6,800	-5,500
Motor vehicles & equipment	10,200	16,800	12,400	-6,600	-2,200
Aircraft & parts	33,900	34,000	37,000	-100	-3,100
Instruments & Related Prods	10,100	10,100	9,700	0	400
NONDURABLE GOODS	81,300	82,100	81,600	-800	-300
Food & Kindred Products	20,200	20,200	19,800	0	400
Beverages	8,100	8,100	8,200	0	-100
Textiles, Apparel, & Leather	8,700	8,700	8,900	0	-200
Paper & Allied Products	6,300	6,400	6,300	-100	0
Printing & Publishing	17,100	17,400	17,800	-300	-700
Chemicals & Allied Products	19,500	19,800	19,100	-300	400
Petroleum,Coal,Plastics Prds	9,500	9,600	9,700	-100	-200
SERVICE PRODUCING	900,200	919,800	885,600	-19,600	14,600
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	77,800	78,500	76,900	-700	900
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILS	28,700	28,800	28,400	-100	300
Railroad Transportation	4,800	4,900	4,900	-100	-100
Trucking & Warehousing	19,000	19,400	18,800	-400	200
Transportation by Air	12,200	12,100	11,600	100	600
TRADE	278,700	289,600	279,700	-10,900	-1,000
WHOLESALE TRADE	67,500	68,300	68,200	-800	-700
Wholesale Trade -Durable Gds	42,100	42,400	42,500	-300	-400
Wholesale Trade - Nondur gds	25,400	25,900	25,700	-500	-300
RETAIL TRADE	211,200	221,300	211,500	-10,100	-300
Building mtls & grdn suppls	8,500	8,600	8,400	-100	100
General merchandise stores	32,900	35,100	33,500	-2,200	-600
Food stores	31,100	32,200	30,500	-1,100	600
Automotive dealers/svc stas	20,600	20,700	21,200	-100	-600
Apparel & accessory stores	13,800	15,000	13,800	-1,200	0
Furniture, homefurn. stores	7,300	8,200	8,000	-900	-700
Eating & drinking places	73,300	75,300	73,000	-2,000	300
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	75,500	76,000	75,700	-500	-200
Depository Institutions	23,500	23,800	23,700	-300	-200
Nondepository Institutions	7,000	7,000	6,900	0	100
Insurance Carriers	17,800	17,800	17,200	0	600
Insurance Agents, Brokers	7,100	7,200	7,000	-100	100
Real Estate	11,000	11,200	11,700	-200	-700
SERVICES	323,800	327,800	311,400	-4,000	12,400
Personal Services	14,600	14,800	14,600	-200	0
Business Svcs	60,700	61,200	57,000	-500	3,700
Auto Repair, Svcs, Parking	10,600	10,700	10,900	-100	-300
Amuse & Rec Svcs inc. Mot Pic	14,300	14,700	14,800	-400	-500
Health Services	104,200	104,400	99,000	-200	5,200
Hospitals (private)	57,800	58,000	54,900	-200	2,900
Legal Services	8,500	8,500	8,300	0	200
Educational Services (priv)	29,300	30,400	28,300	-1,100	1,000
Social Services	17,500	17,700	16,600	-200	900
Membership Organizations	19,900	20,000	19,000	-100	900
Engineering & Management Svcs	23,200	23,300	22,500	-100	700
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	144,400	147,900	141,900	-3,500	2,500
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	36,700	36,700	37,000	0	-300
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	19,900	20,000	19,900	-100	0
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	87,800	91,200	85,000	-3,400	2,800

Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

St. Louis MSA — **January, 1991**

Industry	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
MANUFACTURING	41.4	43.2	42.3	$12.82	$13.16	$12.62	$530.75	$568.51	$533.83
DURABLE GOODS	41.1	43.1	42.9	13.26	13.79	13.06	544.99	594.35	560.27
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	35.1	38.7	38.2	9.38	9.71	10.02	329.24	375.78	382.76
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods	40.5	41.2	38.9	11.26	11.44	11.67	456.03	471.33	453.96
Primary Metal Industries	40.8	43.6	42.6	13.97	14.12	13.71	569.98	615.63	584.05
Fabricated Metal Products	41.8	42.4	42.3	12.31	12.32	12.30	514.56	522.37	520.29
Industrial Machinery & Equip	42.6	43.4	44.0	12.12	12.36	11.52	516.31	536.42	506.88
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	41.9	37.9	41.8	9.81	9.18	9.51	411.04	347.92	397.52
Transportation Equipment	41.2	44.7	44.5	16.83	17.23	16.18	693.40	770.18	720.01
Motor vehicles & equipment	43.7	46.3	44.5	17.70	17.61	16.61	773.49	815.34	739.15
Instruments & Related Prods	41.0	44.6	42.0	10.88	11.28	10.12	446.08	503.09	425.04
NONDURABLE GOODS	41.8	43.6	41.3	12.07	12.01	11.78	504.53	523.64	486.51
Food & Kindred Products	41.0	43.1	40.0	13.46	13.53	13.80	551.86	583.14	552.00
Textiles, Apparel, & Leather	36.1	35.9	37.9	6.88	7.00	6.91	248.37	251.30	261.89
Paper & Allied Products	45.5	49.8	47.4	11.14	10.95	10.96	506.87	545.31	519.50
Printing & Publishing	41.8	42.2	41.2	12.07	12.14	11.89	504.53	512.31	489.87
Chemicals & Allied Products	46.8	47.6	41.4	14.50	13.77	13.65	678.60	655.45	565.11
Petroleum,Coal,Plastics Prds	41.3	45.9	42.6	12.37	12.44	11.80	510.88	571.00	502.68

Springfield Labor Market Review

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Civilian Labor Force
Employment and Unemployment

During 1990 the Springfield MSA labor force averaged approximately 130,100. The number of unemployed and the rate of unemployment averaged 5,800 and 4.4 percent respectively.

The January 1991 labor force, estimated at 131,600 shows an increase of 3,000 from January, 1990. The rate of unemployment rose from 5.0 percent in January, 1990 to 5.3 percent in January 1991.The current rate stands five-tenths of a percentage point above the December 1990 figure.

Nonagricultural Wage amd Salary Employment

Payroll employment plunged from 124,000 in December to 121,900 in January. This drop was mostly seasonal in nature and occurred entirely in the nonmanufacturing sector. The number of manufacturing jobs, estimated at 21,500, shows no change from December. The trade industry recorded the most most significant change with a decrease of 1,100 jobs. This sizeable drop took place as the christmas season ended.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers decreased from $9.48 in December to $9.37 in January. A good portion of the drop results from less overtime worked at premium pay. Average weekly hours worked decreased in both durable goods manufacturing and nondurable goods manufacturing.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

The number of unemployed persons is expected to show very litte during February. The rate of unemployment will probably remain near the January level.

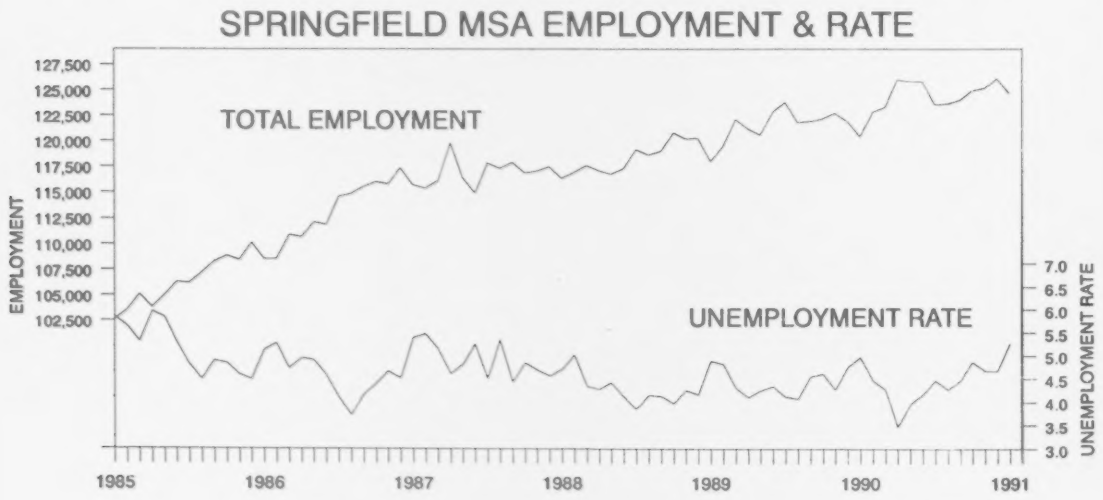

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

Springfield MSA **January, 1991**

Item	Number of Jobs			Change to Current Mo. from:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	121,900	124,100	118,800	-2,200	3,100
GOODS PRODUCING	25,900	26,000	26,200	-100	-300
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	4,400	4,500	4,500	-100	-100
MANUFACTURING	21,500	21,500	21,700	0	-200
DURABLE GOODS	10,700	10,700	11,400	0	-700
Industrial Machinery & Equip	2,400	2,400	2,300	0	100
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	4,300	4,300	5,000	0	-700
Transportation Equipment	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	-100
NONDURABLE GOODS	10,800	10,800	10,300	0	500
Paper & Allied Products	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Printing & Publishing	2,200	2,300	2,200	-100	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	96,000	98,100	92,600	-2,100	3,400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	7,600	7,700	7,700	-100	-100
Railroad Transportation	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
TRADE	34,700	35,800	33,100	-1,100	1,600
WHOLESALE TRADE	10,200	10,500	10,200	-300	0
Wholesale Trade -Durable Gds	6,300	6,400	6,400	-100	-100
Wholesale Trade - Nondur gds	3,900	4,100	3,800	-200	100
RETAIL TRADE	24,500	25,300	22,900	-800	1,600
Eating & drinking places	9,100	9,400	8,500	-300	600
Retail Trade exc eatng/drnkg	15,400	15,900	14,400	-500	1,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	5,300	5,400	5,200	-100	100
SERVICES	33,100	33,200	31,800	-100	1,300
Personal & Business Svcs	6,100	6,200	5,800	-100	300
Health Services	14,500	14,500	13,900	0	600
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	15,300	16,000	14,800	-700	500
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	2,000	2,100	2,000	-100	0
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	4,800	5,300	4,500	-500	300
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	8,500	8,600	8,300	-100	200

Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Springfield MSA **January, 1991**

Industry	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
MANUFACTURING	38.7	41.5	40.5	$9.37	$9.48	$9.08	$362.62	$393.42	$367.74
DURABLE GOODS	37.1	40.3	39.6	8.78	9.12	8.55	325.74	367.54	338.58
Industrial Machinery & Equip	38.6	44.0	38.8	10.71	11.02	10.32	413.41	484.88	400.42
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	36.5	38.1	39.3	8.76	8.59	8.28	319.74	327.28	325.40
Transportation Equipment	35.0	41.2	37.7	9.38	9.30	8.54	328.30	383.16	321.96
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.6	43.0	41.9	10.06	9.93	9.81	408.44	426.99	411.04
Paper & Allied Products	34.8	42.5	40.3	10.51	10.08	10.28	365.75	428.40	414.28
Printing & Publishing	40.8	40.0	37.8	9.36	9.23	8.82	381.89	369.20	333.40